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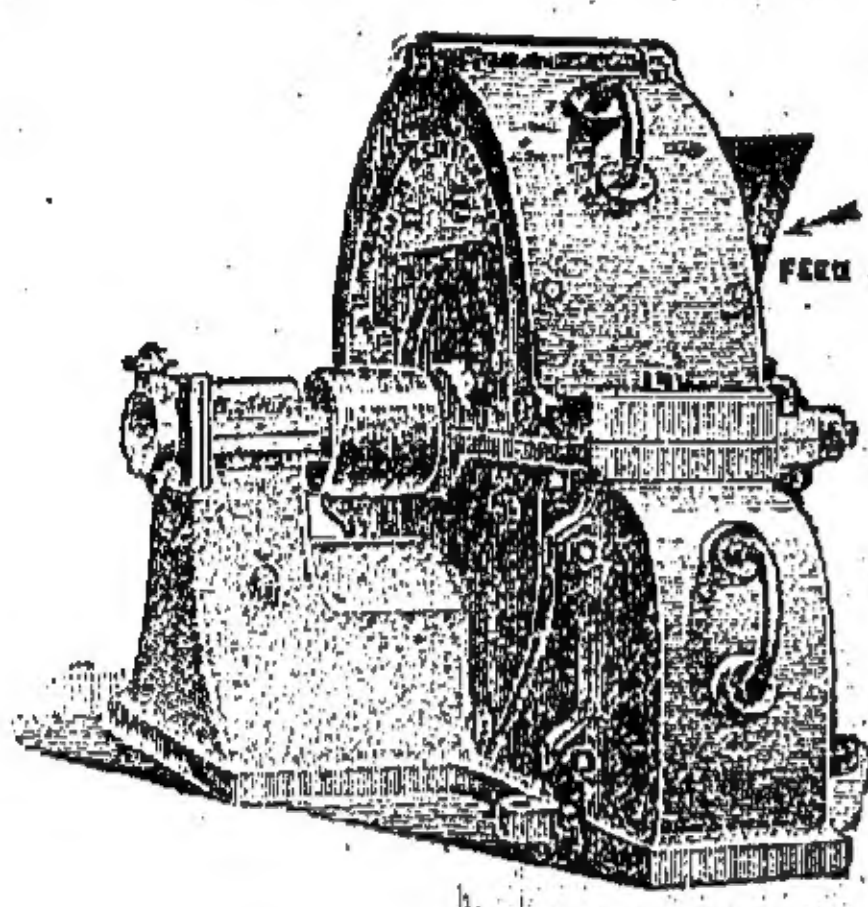
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NOTICE.

THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 32 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 22nd March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd March, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 500

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, at Noon, for the purpose of confirming the following Special Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on the 7th Instant.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

'That the Profits accrued to the Company from the issue at a premium of the New Shares in the Company authorised to be issued by the Special Resolution passed on the 6th, and confirmed on the 23rd day of April, 1899, amounting to the sum of \$1,250,000, and which was then carried, and is now standing to the Credit of the Reserve Fund in pursuance of such Special Resolution, be capitalised and be applied in part payment of the Call of \$50 per Share on all the Shares in the Company, to be made by the Board.'

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 513

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Praya Central, on WEDNESDAY, 14th March, at Noon.

LUTGENS, EINSTAMANN & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1900. 502

NOTICE.

WE beg to notify the Public that Mr. H. H. BODENBERGER is now no longer in our Service and that any Business Transacted between him and the Public is entirely outside of our concern.

FUK TIN-TONG,

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Hongkong, March 3, 1900. 484

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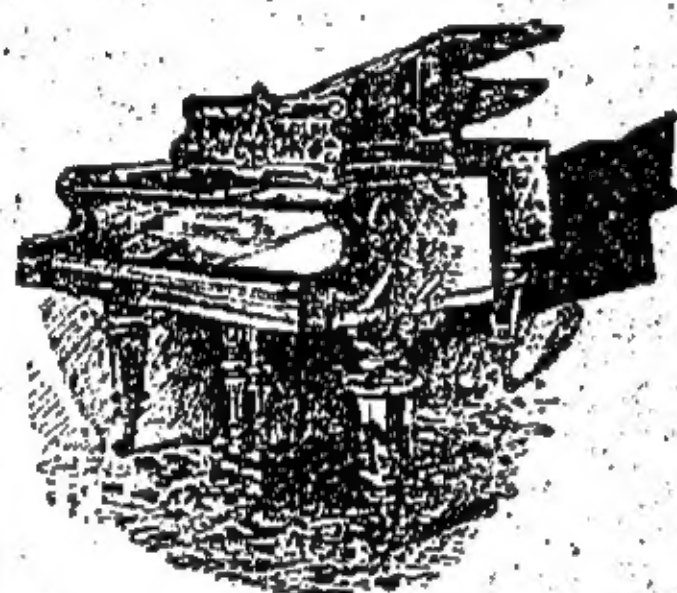
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HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on TUESDAY, the 27th March, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1899, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March, 1900, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1900. 487

WATKINS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, Queen's Road, at Noon, on SATURDAY, the 17th March, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th March to 17th March, both days inclusive.

G. A. WATKINS,
CHAS. A. FROCK,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 5, 1900. 488

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Shares Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1899, on or before the 21st March, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1900. 470

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN Issue of SHARES is now offered to the REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company in manner following:

Every Shareholder on the Register on 15th March Instant, will be entitled to an allotment of 4 NEW SHARES for every 5 SHARES held by him. All applications must be made on forms for the purpose, which can be had on application to the undersigned, and must be filled up and lodged with the Secretary of the Company at its Registered Office 35 and 40 Queen's Road Central, on or before SATURDAY, the 31st day of March Instant, together with a sum of FIVE DOLLARS for every SHARE applied for, as a first instalment, the remaining five dollars to be paid on allotment.

The Share Register will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 16th, to FRIDAY, the 30th day of March Instant, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 517

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THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Hotel on the 27th day of March, 1900, at 12.15 p.m.

1. To consider and if thought fit to pass a resolution to the effect 'that the new Regulations already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such Regulations be and the same are hereby adopted in the Regulations of the Company to the exclusion of all the existing Regulations thereof.'

A copy of the proposed new Regulations may be seen at the Company's Office.

Should the above resolution be passed by the required Majority it will be submitted for confirmation at a special resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 1st day of March, 1900.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTEENTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club will be held at the Club House on TUESDAY, 13th March, 1900, at 6 p.m.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 5, 1900. 490

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club will be held in the Club House on TUESDAY, 13th March, 1900, at the conclusion of the Yearly General Meeting for the purpose set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 5, 1900. 491

Business Notices.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1900. 484

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 GEO. P. LAMBERT,
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 Hongkong, March 8, 1900. 606

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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 GEO. P. LAMBERT,
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 Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 615

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
 The following Certificates, viz.:
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 16th February, 1900. 374

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 Hongkong, August 12, 1899. 1822

NOTICE.

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
 SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIOUBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAYRE, BORDEAUX, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 12th March, at Noon, the Co's S. S. LAOS, Captain FLENNY, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and OARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for MARSEILLES, and accepted in transit through MARSEILLES for the principal Places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 11th March. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1900. 461

Intimations.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.
 WEEK DAYS.
 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.
 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every ten minutes.
 9.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.
 11.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
 6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every ten minutes.
 Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.
 SATURDAYS.
 Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.
 SUNDAYS.
 2.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Every half hour.
 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every ten minutes.
 Night to 2 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
 2.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
 Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.
 SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 35 and 40, Queen's Road Central.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, May 1, 1899. 1067

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To-day's Advertisements

SANITARY BOARD.
 OWNERS OF HOUSES Situated in the Central Division of the City of Victoria, and in the Western Division of Kowloon, who have not had their Premises LIMEWASHED and CLEANED in accordance with law, are reminded that the period during which the work should be finished ends on the 30th day of April, 1900, and the Sanitary Board, being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above-named date.
 The Central Division of the City lies between Garden Road on the East, and Morrison Street and East Street on the West. The Western Division of Kowloon is all that part of the Kowloon Peninsula to the West of Robinson Road, and includes Tsim Sha Tsui, Yau Ma Tei, Mong Kok Tsai, Tai Kok Tsui and Sham Shui Po.
 By Order of the Sanitary Board,
 C. W. DUGGAN,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, March 8, 1900. 522

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 W. BERTRAM HERMANN,
 Business Manager.
 Hongkong, March 8, 1900. 520

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,105.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FRASER'S HALL, Zettland Street, on FRIDAY, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited to attend.
 Hongkong, March 8, 1900. 523

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Katsuchi Maru*, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GARDENS COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignee will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
 Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, the 7th Instant.
 Goods not cleared by the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 All Ship-damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, the 19th Instant, and SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, both days at 10 a.m.
 All Claims must reach the undersigned before the 17th Instant, or they will not be recognized.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 Hongkong, March 7, 1900. 519

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Passenger.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 10, at 3 p.m.
Australian Ports	Australian (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Mar. 15, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Stuttgart (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Mar. 21, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Savonia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	March 16.
Havre and Hamburg	Haidelberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About March 31.
Havre and Hamburg	Siberia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About April 6.
Kobe	Candia (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 20.
London	Jews (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 9.
London	Teikoku (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	April 5.
London & Ports of Call	Coromandel (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 14.
London & Hamburg	Calchas (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 17, at noon.
London & Hamburg	Orestes (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 20.
Manila	Mennuier (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	March 26.
Manila	Loongang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 13, at 5 p.m.
Manila, Hilo & Cebu	Kiwayang (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 9, at 4 p.m.
Messageries Maritimes	Loos (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 16.
Messageries Maritimes	Loos (s)	Messageries Maritimes.	Mar. 12, at noon.
New York & Southampton	Antonia (s)	Siemens & Co.	Mar. 17, at noon.
New York & Southampton	Patna (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	Mar. 12, at noon.
Portland, Oregon	Momomouthshire (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About March 25.
Sandakan	Musang (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	Mar. 10, at noon.
Sandakan	Dundee (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 9, at noon.
San Diego & Japan	Thyris (s)	Melchers & Co.	Mar. 10, morning.
S. Francisco & Japan	Doris (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	About March 19.
S. Francisco & Japan	Doris (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Mar. 10, noon.
S. Francisco & Japan	Algon (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Mar. 15, at noon.
Seattle, U.S.A.	Nippon Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	Mar. 20, daylight.
Shanghai	Kanoo (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Mar. 10, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Musaka (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 17.
Shanghai & Hong Kong	Yan'an (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	About March 17.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Messageries Maritimes.	About March 12.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Sander, Weller & Co.	Mar. 14, afternoon.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Sander, Weller & Co.	Mar. 15, afternoon.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 13, at noon.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Douglas, Lastrapes & Co.	Mar. 9, daylight.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 12.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Mar. 11, daylight.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited.	Mar. 15, at noon.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	Mar. 13, at noon.
Singapore, Amoy & Tientsin	Tamui Maru (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 18.

Indian Famine Fund.

Under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, a smoking concert will be given in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, on Saturday, 17th inst. The programme is being got up by Mr. R. J. N. Bentley which is a guarantee that an attractive programme will be got together.

The Imperial Audience.

The *Ostasiatische Lloyd* states that the audience at Peking passed off according to programme. It was generally agreed that the Emperor was looking very ill and not likely to hold the reins of power very long. It was understood that the Empress Dowager was a witness of the event from behind a screen. The successor to the throne, Pao Chün, took no part in the ceremony.

The K. W. F. Band.

The band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers will play the following programme of music at the Officers' Mess to-morrow night:—
March, "Triumphal," *Johnson*.
Overture, "The Merry Widow," *Killer*.
Selection, "La Benédiction," *Mejerberg*.
Valse, "Avalanche," *G. Goff*.
Gavotte, "Massachusetts," *Zabin*.
Selection, "Faint," *General*.
EXTRAS.
Polka, "Run Wild," *Jones*.
Polonaise, "Mazurka," *Danzetti*.
J. H. Morn, Bandmaster.

The Russian Railways.

A report comes to us from Newchwang, (says the *N. O. Daily News*), and we give it as a rumour, that the Russians are working day and night on the railway in order to complete it up to the river as soon as possible; that the Chief Engineer has gone to Peking to try and arrange the purchase of the Imperial Chinese Railway; and that Yingkou (Newchwang) will be proclaimed a Russian possession this spring, the forts being repaired which command the entrance to the river and were destroyed by the Japanese.

The Emperor of China.

On the 23rd February, the Tientsin correspondent of the *N. O. Daily News* wrote:—The audience has been the chief news of the week in Peking and Tientsin. Kuang Hsi was seen at close quarters and was thought to be looking much more feeble than in February, 1898. It has since been given out, that his Majesty is freely spitting blood, and of course people construe this as a pronouncement that worse news on the same subject may be expected soon. The British Legation, as usual, made a brave show at the reception, as Sir Claude was accompanied by the officers of the Indian Army who are in Peking on linguistic mission.

Shanghai Volunteers.

A writer in the *Shanghai Daily Press* says:—I have been informed that the new regulations regarding the Artillery drill are due to the requirements of the Hongkong officials. Of course if this be so they have to be carried out. At the same time it does seem a pity that an arm of the Corps which has hitherto been so popular should be rendered dissatisfied in the way that the Company now is. The *N. O. Daily News* says that new recruits unfortunately have not yet arrived, and the enforced changes do not altogether appeal to the present members of the battery. That this feeling is quite natural every one must admit, but the high efficiency of the branch of the Corps is sufficient guarantee that all misunderstanding will soon be ended, and the new service taken up with the same enthusiasm which has always marked our artillerymen.

Fiasco in British Waters.

On Tuesday, another of those daring piratical outrages which are becoming all too frequent occurrences on the coast of South China, took place in British waters just outside the Harbour limits of the Colony. The mode of operations was similar to that followed in previous cases where launches from Hongkong have been taken possession of and piloted. The steam launch *Shan Pui* left Hongkong in the afternoon for her usual trip to some of the islands in the vicinity, and opposite the island of Chan Kung five Chinese who had taken passage at Hongkong pulled on rowers, and covering the master and crew ordered them below. According to the story told by the launch people, a boat came off from the island and some more people came on board. The vessel afterwards steamed on for some time and then stopped. There was then considerable commotion followed by absolute quiet, and the crew, judging that the pirates had departed, came on deck and found their surprise correct. The launch was lying off the south-west point of Lantau, but there were no signs of their unpleasant visitors, who had departed with a sum of money. The launch returned to Cheung-chai, where the affair was reported to the Police. Information having been sent to Hongkong, Police launches were sent out yesterday to search for the perpetrators of the outrage. It is believed that the pirates intended to take the launch up river, but could not pilot the vessel in the fog. The crew heard the pirates had two junks and question them as to the direction of Lung Tung, from which it was evident they wished to avoid that island as there is a Customs Station there. They also disputed amongst themselves about not having seized a launch with a compass.

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British Casualties in South Africa.

A Hays telegram gives the total British losses in the South African campaign to date as 12,890. Of course a large number of these are slightly wounded men who have returned to duty.

British Interests at Hank.

Mr. Wade Gardner, and Mr. Harding, the British Commissioners appointed to decide the question arising out of the action of the Russian Government in confiscating the validity of the title of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to the property held by them in the Russian Concession at Hankow, returned from Hankow on the 2nd inst. They have been in conference with Messrs. Polakoff, of the Russo-Chinese Bank, and Lavinoff, of Messrs. Tolmashoff, Molodtsoff & Co., but the result of the inquiry has not yet been made public.

THE WRECK OF THE 'LEE PO'.

Consul-General Wildman has received information respecting the wreck of the U.S. Steamer *Lee Po*, (Capt. Skillon), telegraphic intelligence of which has been published. The steamer *Lee Po* was bought some time ago in Hongkong as a customs ship for the Philippines, and left Hongkong on the 23rd February for Manila. The ship carried no cargo. The Captain reports that he experienced the usual northerly monsoon, cloudy weather, and consequently did not get any observations for correcting the compass, the error of which was the cause of the vessel being out of her course. He steered a south-east course, and proceeded at a speed of seven knots per hour. When he took his departure from Wanchow Island, at 6.12 p.m., on the 23rd, the distance to Venerable Shoal being 118 miles, he assumed the vessel to have passed this danger at about noon on the 24th, but to his surprise the vessel was still on the shelf at 2 p.m., and became a total wreck. The Captain and crew remained by the vessel till 8 a.m. on the 25th, when they were taken off by a Chinese junk. At 6 a.m. on the 25th, having fitted out a small boat, the Captain and crew landed on the shore, and the vessel was found to be a total wreck. The Captain and crew remained by the vessel till 8 a.m. on the 25th, when they were taken off by a Chinese junk. At 6 a.m. on the 25th, having fitted out a small boat, the Captain and crew landed on the shore, and the vessel was found to be a total wreck. The Captain and crew remained by the vessel till 8 a.m. on the 25th, when they were taken off by a Chinese junk.

THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

DRAMATIC INCIDENT AT SHANGHAI.
While the French Dramatic Club was playing in the Lyceum Theatre at Shanghai on the night of the 1st inst., an unexpected incident, in which Mr. B. W. Little of the *N. O. Daily News*, played the leading part, was enacted before the footlights. Having received a telegram announcing Lord Dufferin's entry into the beleaguered city, Mr. Little thought the audience should have the benefit of the message, and, after consultation with the stage manager, Mr. Little walked upon the stage and read out the message. The announcement, naturally enough, was received with loud cheering by the British people present. But the audience was a mixed one—Shanghai being more cosmopolitan even than Hongkong—and the feelings produced by Mr. Little's announcement were likewise "very mixed." There has been much heartburning since, as the following paragraphs show.

The writer of 'Local Notes' in the

Shanghai Mercury says:—
I was in the Theatre on Thursday night when Mr. Little announced the arrival of General Dufferin at Ladysmith. I was, of course, along with my other compatriots present, highly delighted at the news, but I could not help seeing that there was a feeling among the representatives of other nationalities that it should not have been announced from the stage while a French company held the boards.
The *Mercury* of the 3rd inst. says:—
The *Echo de Chine* this morning refers in very strong terms to the action of Mr. Little in announcing the relief of Ladysmith from the stage of the Lyceum Theatre on Thursday night. The journal says that under the circumstances Mr. Little's action was an impertinence. Mr. Little, says the *Echo de Chine*, made his request in the midst of French and English actors on the stage, and while he only received hesitating and evasive answers and a reference to the French Consul he went on the stage and made his announcement.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—
On the 8th, at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen slightly in N. China, risen moderately in S. China. Pressure is high over Central China, and low, apparently, in the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight to moderate with fresh monsoon in S. China and the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh to moderate N.E. winds; weather improving.

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AN EDITOR FINDS A SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

A. R. DeTinent, editor of the *Journal*, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm and shoulder were entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by All Dealers; Watkins & Co., General Agents.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

ANOTHER GREAT VICTORY FOR LORD ROBERTS.

FLANKING MOVEMENT BY GENERAL FRENCH.

BOERS ROUTED WITH GREAT LOSS.

BRITISH LOSSES SLIGHT.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 8, 2.15 a.m.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts has completely out-maneuvred the Boers in the Orange Free State, gaining another great victory.
The Boers occupied a strong position on the Modder River, and had prepared to offer a stubborn resistance to the main body of the British army.
Lieutenant-General French, with his cavalry and mounted infantry division, was detached for flanking operations, and repeated his Kimberley performance. The Boer position was turned, and in moving out to escape the artillery fire they were completely routed, retreating northward in a disorganised state.

The British cavalry and light artillery

kept up the pursuit for a considerable distance,

inflicting severe loss upon the enemy.

The British lost fifty men.

[Our correspondent does not say whether

the casualties on the British side included

killed and wounded; but it is not improbable

that in an engagement of such dimensions

Lord Roberts had fifty men killed,

in which case there will be the usual

proportion of wounded. If the total casualties

amounted to only fifty in killed and wounded

then the victory is all the more remarkable.—*En. C.M.*]

THE LOSSES AT LADYSMITH.

In his last advance to the relief

of Ladysmith, General Buller lost two hundred

men.

[It is impossible to overestimate the

value of this victory. Deaton badly at

Magersfontein and forced to retreat into

the "Orange" Free State, one of the two

strongest Boer colonies was completely de-

moralised, and the first immediate result

was the withdrawal of men from Natal to

assist in covering Crimpe's retreat. But

Crimpe was permitted to retreat to a great

distance. He was brought to bay and com-

pelled to fight—ultimately to surrender, and now

the British hold at Cape Town and Simon's

Bay a Boer force to the British prisoners

in Pretoria—with a margin in our favour.

From the moment of Crimpe's surrender,

the Boer force on the eastern side ceased

to exist as an organised army, and in order

to prevent the immediate occupation of

Bloemfontein by General French the

Boers had to evacuate Natal and give

up entirely whatever advantage they

had gained there, by force of numbers,

in the early weeks of the war. Every-

thing pointed to a very severe fight

between Paardeburg and the Orange Free

State capital. General Joubert, with the

remainder of his foreign military advisers—

some of them keeping Crimpe company at

Cape Town—was apparently concentrating

the whole of his army to the north, and we

in the East were prepared for news of a stiff

fight as soon as the two opposing armies

met. After all, the Boers have been more

easily defeated—routed, our correspondents

say—than could have been anticipated.

Repeating the tactics that proved successful

before Kimberley, Lord Roberts kept the

Boers well occupied in front while General

French, with cavalry and mounted

infantry, executed a flank movement.

This was again successful, and the Boers,

whose confidence in their leaders and

themselves must now be considerably

shaken, were obliged to relinquish their

position, and fight their way out. In the

circumstances, their marksmanship could

not have been so deadly as usual, and the

strategic movement to the rear soon

degenerated into a rout. It is pleasing to

know that the Boers lost heavily, whereas

as the losses on the British side were

slight. The Boers are now tasting

the bitterness of defeat. Their endurance

is now being tried, and as their stocks of

ammunition, food and fodder must be

getting exhausted, and their cattle and horses

broken down by excessive work it is safe to

conclude that the Boer leaders will have

considerable difficulty in keeping their men

together. The much-debated "roosters" and

now wiping a terrible score off the slate; and

backed up as Tommy Atkins is by the pick

of our Volunteers he is going to teach the

Boers a lesson they will not readily forget.

Further victories may be looked for, but

we must not forget Lord Wolsey's reminder

that war has its costs as well as its

successes, and if a check is given to the

forward sweep of the British army we must

be prepared for it, and confident in our

generals and our soldiers accept such check

as only temporary.—*En. C.M.*]

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ANOTHER CHINESE OUTRAGE.

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The fifteenth ordinary general meeting

of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.,

Ltd., was held to-day at the offices of the

Company: Mr. R. Shewan presided. The

other gentlemen present were—Messrs

J. D. Gilles, J. H. Lewis and A. J. Raymond

(Consulting Committee), E. S. Kelly,

F. J. V. Jorg, H. W. Dunn, A. H.

Babington, G. C. Anderson, G. W. F.

Playfair and R. D. Anderson (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—If you have no ob-

jections we will take the Report, which has

been in your hands for some time, as read.

The year that has elapsed since we last

met has, as we then anticipated, been a very

difficult one. The rebellion in the Philip-

pines lasted longer than we expected, and

as you know the Hong posts were only

finally reopened the other day. The price

of Hemp rose to heights which in ordinary

times we should consider enormous, and it

became a very anxious and difficult matter

for us to decide as to whether we were

justified in laying in stocks at such figures.

On the one hand we naturally wanted to

avoid having to shut down and lose our

hold on the trade we have long and care-

fully built up with the countries around us,

but on the other hand if we did not do so,

we had to face the very probable likeli-

hood of being caught on a falling market

with a heavy stock of very costly raw ma-

terial. We were between the devil and

the deep sea, in spite of ourselves we had

to gamble to a large extent and if as some

people think the end justifies the means,

we are certainly well justified by the re-

sult. We hope, however, that the out-

come will be such that the profits as such

will run away with the idea that such profits

as these can be expected from Rope-making

in every year. The problem before us this

year will, I think, be a very different one.

Instead of buying Hemp on a steadily rising

market for Rope, we shall probably have

to accept lower and lower prices for the

manufactured article as soon as the

markets at home begin to feel the effect of

their imports of cheaper Hemp. Fortu-

nately, however, the market for material is

not large. At the end of last year, as you

will notice from the Report, we had used

up every pound we had and our stock of

Rope was diminishing so rapidly that we

were very much obliged to the Hong posts

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